

Baltimore, Maryland, November 30, 1914.

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held this day at its office in the Garrett Building, Baltimore, Maryland.

Present: Governor Goldsborough, Comptroller Harrington and Treasurer Vandiver.

Mr. Post, President of the Mercantile Trust Company, with his attorney Mr. Baetjer, appeared before the Board with a request that they be allowed to use certain bonds of the Calvert Construction Company, as deposits with the Treasurer of Maryland, for the purpose of securing the depositors etc., as provided by law. After a full discussion of the matter, upon motion of Gen. Vandiver, seconded by Comptroller Harrington, the Secretary of the Board was instructed to write to Attorney General Poe, and get from him a construction of the statute and whether or not the Treasurer would be authorized to accept such security in event of approval of the Board of Public Works.

The Directors of the Springfield Hospital for Insane appeared before the Board, at its request, to reply to certain charges that had been made in the report of the Deputy State Auditor. Mr. Wilbur Miller, Vice-president, made a verbal statement, and a written analysis of the Auditor's charges was read by Mr. Fuller of Haskins & Sells, and filed with the Board together with a complete financial statement to date.

The Governor laid before the Board the question of a commission being issued to Deputy Commander Robert Pyne, of the local boat for the Tred Avon River, the Board of County Commissioners of Talbot County having requested that the commission be issued to him from September 1st, 1914, to April 25th, 1915. After some discussion, the Board advised that the Governor issue to said Pyne a commission from September 1st, 1914, to April 25th, 1915, provided, however, that Commander Howard of the State Fishery Force would state that Pyne went on duty September 1st, 1914, or that a commission be issued to him from the time he went on duty until April 25th, 1915.

The Governor laid before the Board the audit of the State Auditor of the following institutions, which was laid over until the next meeting:

Hospital for the Women of Maryland,

Home and Infirmary of Western Maryland, at Cumberland,

Mt. Hope Retreat,

Union Protestant Infirmary.

On motion of Gen. Vandiver, the bill of the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company for \$12.50, being one half premium for bond of the State and City, in the case of John S. Gittings, Receiver, vs. the George's Creek Coal & Iron Company, and E. S. Montell, was ordered paid from the Contingent Fund of the Board.

Robert T. Adams

Secretary.